EPISODE #131
April 6 , 1995

The Valley 66 COMIC NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT LISTINGS!!

STORIES:
Beyond Politix
And The Envelope , Please...
Squeeze It One More Time
The Race Question
USA Today

INSIDE

FEATURES:
Doonesbury,
Calvin & Hobbes,
Views of the World,
This Modern World,
Take It or Give It Back,
L.A. Cucaracha,
Mike Chrisman,
Earthweek,
Leold

FREE · FREE · FREE · FREE

VIEWS OF THE WORLD

Potatoes Peaches Plums Cherries Strawbe

Food

Asparagus Broccoli Cauliflower Eggplant Lemons Apples Pecans Raisins Squash Watermelon Grapes Cucumbers

Mushrooms Oregano Oranges Bananas Sweet Corn Chillis

ANDIAMO! RISTORANTE
Great Italian Food with a view
Dancing Friday & Saturday

Amber Waves
ASIAN NOODLES, DOSAS, AND MORE
253-9200
DOWN THE ALLEY AT 31 BOLTWOOD WALK

- **Amber Waves** Serving noodle stir-frys, soups & salads from Southeast Asia, China, Japan, & India dosas. Vegetarian options always available. Amherst delivery, Mon-Sat 11:30-10:00, Sun 12:30-9:30. 253-9200
- **Andiamo** Serving dinner daily from 5pm. Exit 28 off I-91 Huckle Hill Road, Bernardston, MA (413) 648-9107
- **Antonios** Pizza by the slice. 31 North Pleasant Street, Amherst
- **Atkins Country Store** Fresh produce, delicious deli and scratch bakery products. Corner of Bay Road and Route 116, South Amherst, 253-9528
- **Horm's** There's a great restaurant and saloon in Greenfield that features good food and good drink for lunch, dinner and in-between. Mohawk Mall, Greenfield, 772-6300
- **Paradise of India** A special Sunday Brunch featuring South Indian food Masala Dosai 12-3 87 Main St., Amherst 256-1067
- **Pizza Factory** Where you can always "Buy one pizza, pick it up, & get one free" OR we will donate it to someone in need in our community! Whole wheat or white drust always available. 584-7777
- **Subway** Subs & salads. 4 Main St., Amherst 256-1919

ATKINS COUNTRY STORE
Corner of Bay Road and Rt. 116 • S. Amherst

Antonios
Downtown Amherst
253-0808
IT'S A CONSENSUS AMHERST'S BEST!

584-7777
PIZZA FACTORY
ANY Pizza ANY Size
$9.95 ANY or all Toppings
+Tax, Delivered to your Door
One coupon per pizza, please.
Not good with the Pick-Me-Up special.

HORM'S
The Best in Eating and Drinking!
91 Main St, Greenfield, MA
772-6300

Paradise of India Restaurant
"The Valley's Newest Indian Restaurant"
Open 7 Days for Lunch and Dinner
Lunch from $3.95
Dinner from $6.75
(major credit cards accepted)

SUBWAY
4 Main Street • Amherst
256-1919

Chives Summer Squash Lettuce Celery Green Beans Cucumbers Zucchini Walnuts Grapes Watermelon

PAGE THREE

by Mike Chrisman

Well, boys and girls, it's time for a few somber words about longevity. Yes, now is the hour to squat pensively amidst the rubble of our lives and contemplate the fleeting time we have left. Time to reflect, I say — and I mean that literally, as the word defines in the Latin: "re" (a drop of golden sun), and "flect" (to brood over one's mortality, accompanied by a pipe organ). Because sooner or later, possibly as early as this month, I'm going to turn fifty. You heard right — *fifty* — though most people say I can't be a day over 34, God love 'em.

Now, I don't expect more than a few thousand birthday cards, each containing one or two dollars, so don't send them unless you're sincere. Because it's hard to be reminded I've seen half a century go by. I was born five days before FDR died, and I loved that man like a brother. Everything since is a pale shadow of our brief, passionate friendship. I can't begin to express the breadth of what I've seen these fifty years, any more than I can climb the World Trade Towers using only low-test fishing line and Super Glue™. But I *can* share the best and the worst of these five decades. So in an unprecedented revelation of my most intimate secrets, I have boldly and vulnerably prepared Mike Chrisman's Top Ten Things Good and Bad About Being Fifty. I urge you to read them, my friends. Yes, read them ... consider ... despair ... and — if you wish — sleep tonight with gum behind your ear.

Mike's Top Ten Good Things About Being Fifty:

10. Saved plenty by missing Woodstock II.
9. When something rolls under table, younger person always says, "I'll get it."
8. Head can still be seen above steering wheel.
7. Easy to ignore boss by feigning deafness.
6. Had terrific Spring Training with 1995 Red Sox.
5. Much less hair in bathtub drain.
4. Always know who's going to win on late-night World War II movies.
3. Barca-Loungers.
2. Bifocals bring on acid flashbacks.
1. Rest homes don't look so bad.

Mike's Top Ten Bad Things About Being Fifty:

10. Ability to sing at least three Pat Boone songs.
9. Mailbox flooded with coupons for Depends.
8. Young people not interested in hearing about life before color TV.
7. Inflation in marijuana prices far exceeds increase in income.
6. Lived to see Michael Bolton make it big.
5. Golf scores going up despite driving from Ladies' tees.
4. Wife took baseball cards in divorce.
3. Impossible to get parts for 1964 Veg-O-Matic.
2. No chance with Winona Ryder.
1. Even Goodwill doesn't want the fondue forks.

The Valley Comic News
P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061
Publisher/Editor • Mike Chrisman Founder • David Hooks
Co-Publisher • Izzy Gesell Advertising Director/Co-Publisher • Silvana Gravini
Co-Publisher • Hank Ryan Printing • The Recorder • Greenfield, Mass.
Copying • Paradise Copies Ad Production •Brett Kime, Monique Bourgeois
Advertising Executives • William Conelly, Stephen Porder
Birthday Kids • Mike & Siena
c 1995 *The Valley Comic News*
No part may be reproduced without written permission from the publisher.

GET A *VALLEY COMIC NEWS* SUBSCRIPTION!

The gift that keeps on giving...22 issues yearly!
$20.00 (same as 1991!)

Send this coupon and check or money order to:
VALLEY COMIC NEWS
PO Box 515
Northampton, Mass. 01061

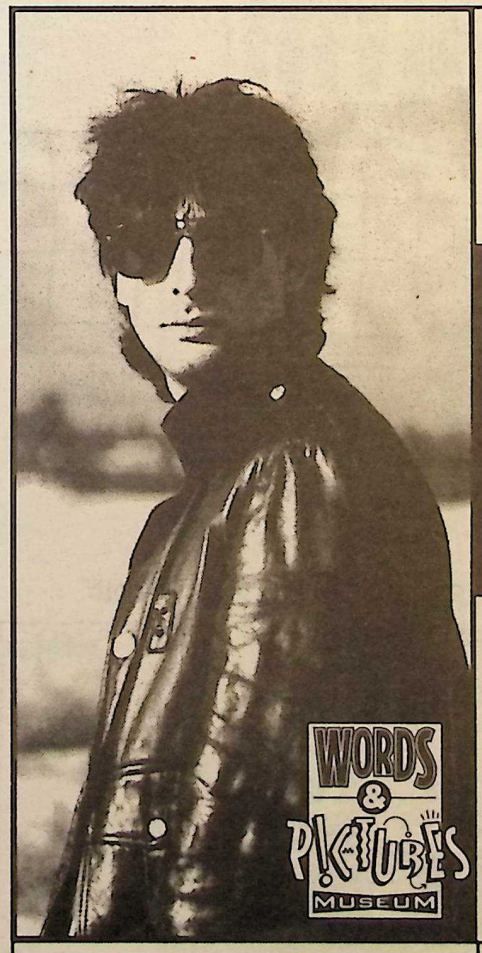
NAME:_____
ADDRESS:_____
_____

Looking For A Doctor? Call Our Physician Referral Service At 582-2200. It's Free!

If you're new to the area or just having trouble finding a physician who's accepting new patients, try our free Physician Referral Service. Pick up the phone and call 582-2200 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends noon till 3 p.m. Our friendly volunteer operators will offer you the names, addresses, and phone numbers of primary care physicians and specialists in your area. It's a free community service ... from your community hospital!

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

30 LOCUST STREET • ROUTE 9 • NORTHAMPTON



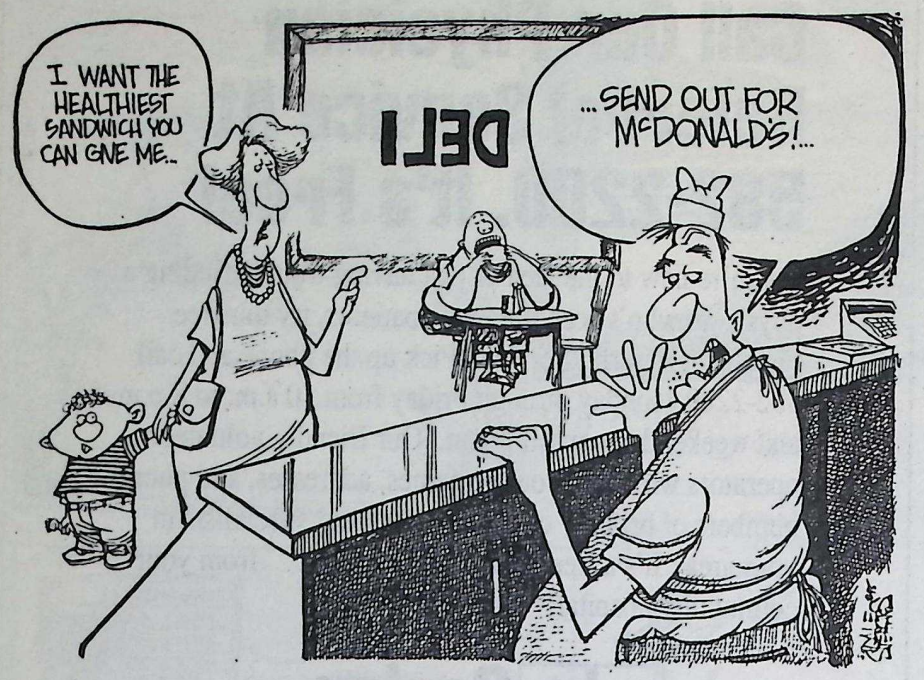
Sunday, April 9
spend a day with writer/creator
Neil Gaiman
and Dave Sim (creator of Cerebus)
at the

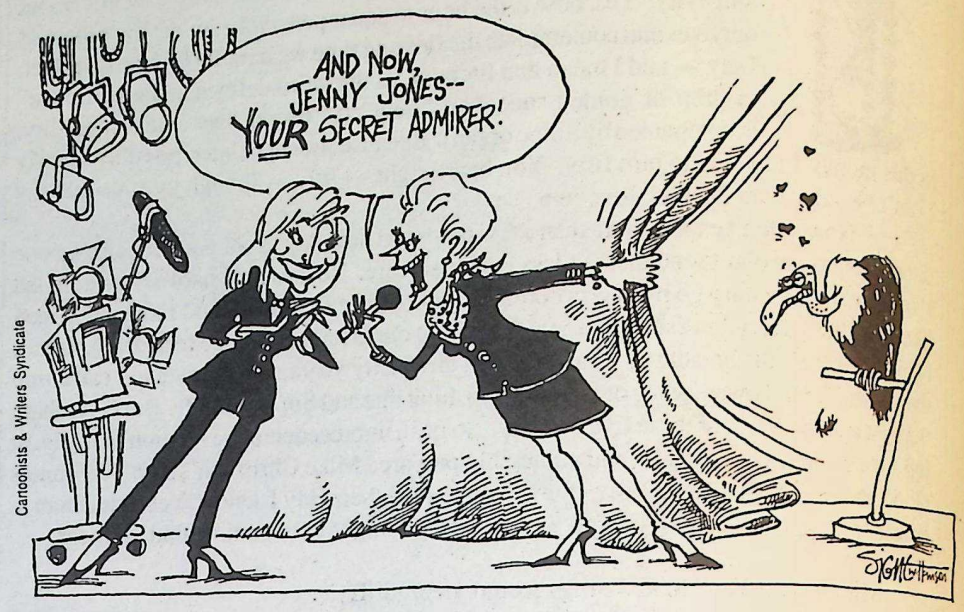
Guardian Angel Tour

A dramatic reading by Neil Gaiman from his book Angels and Visitations *with an introduction by Dave Sim. Event begins at the Northapmton Academy of Music from 2–5pm and will be followed by an Artist's Reception at the Words & Pictures Museum from 5:30–8pm.*
proceeds from The Tour will benefit CBLDF
proceeds from Reception will benefit the W&P Museum

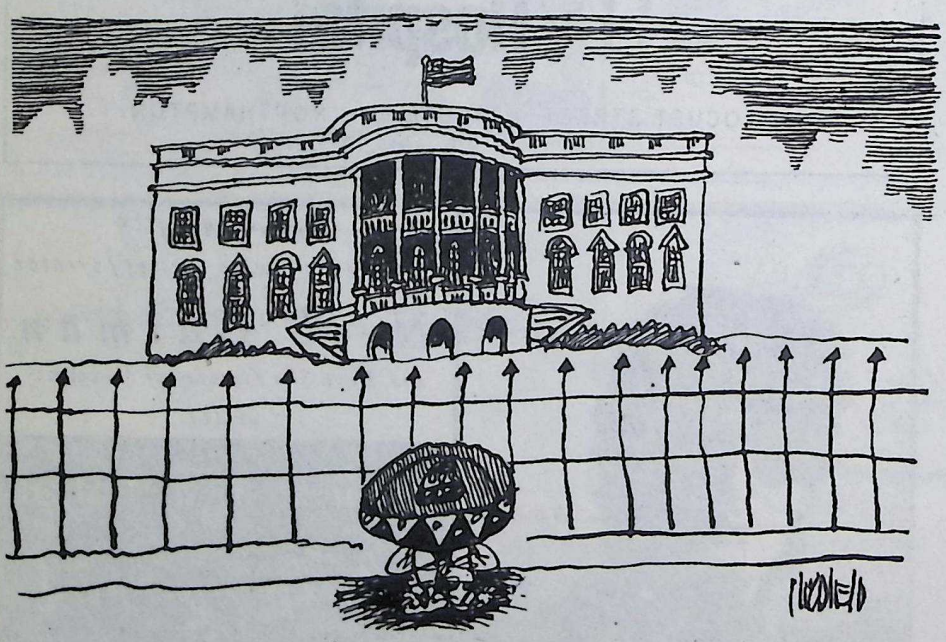
TICKET PRICES
Guardian Angel Tour: $10–25
(add $2 per ticket the day of the event)
contact: the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund at (413) 586-6967

TICKET PRICES
Artist's Reception: $10
(tickets limited)
contact the Words & Pictures Museum at (413) 586-8545





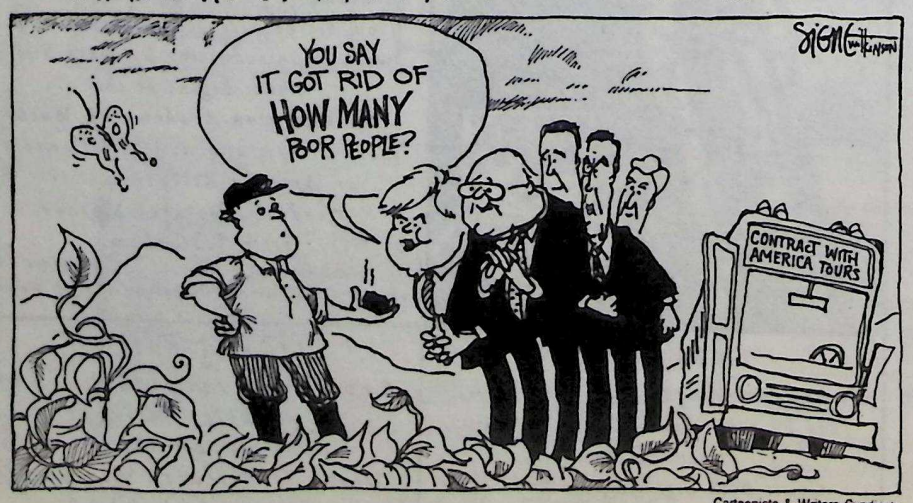
Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate



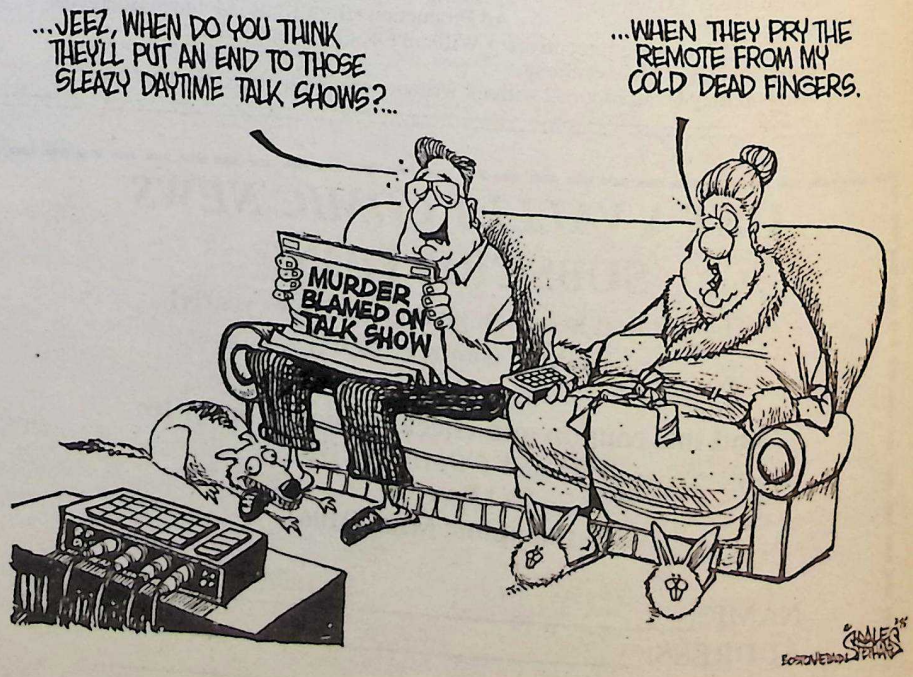
BEVERLY HILLS, 90210

Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate

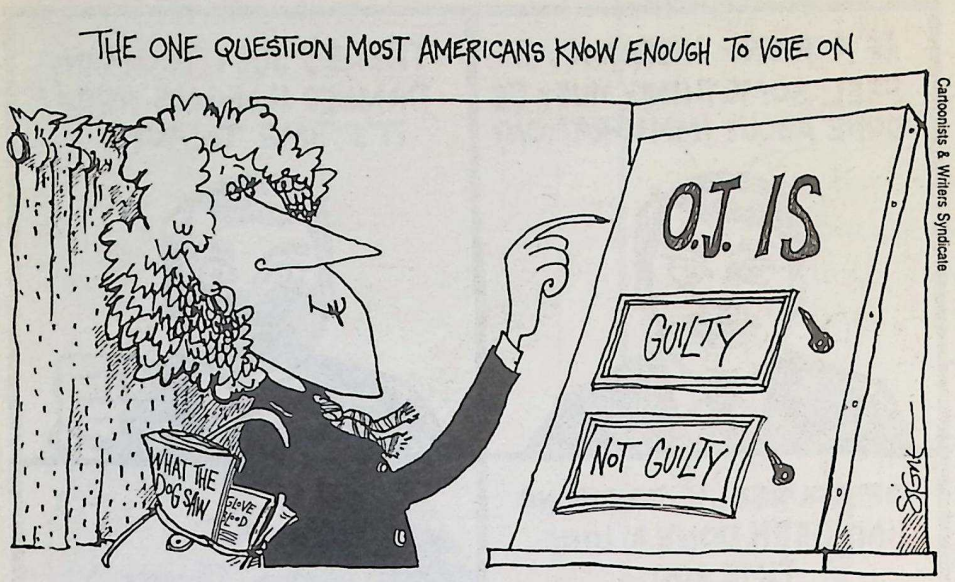
WHY PEOPLE ARE SUDDENLY SO INTERESTED IN THE IRISH POTATO FAMINE

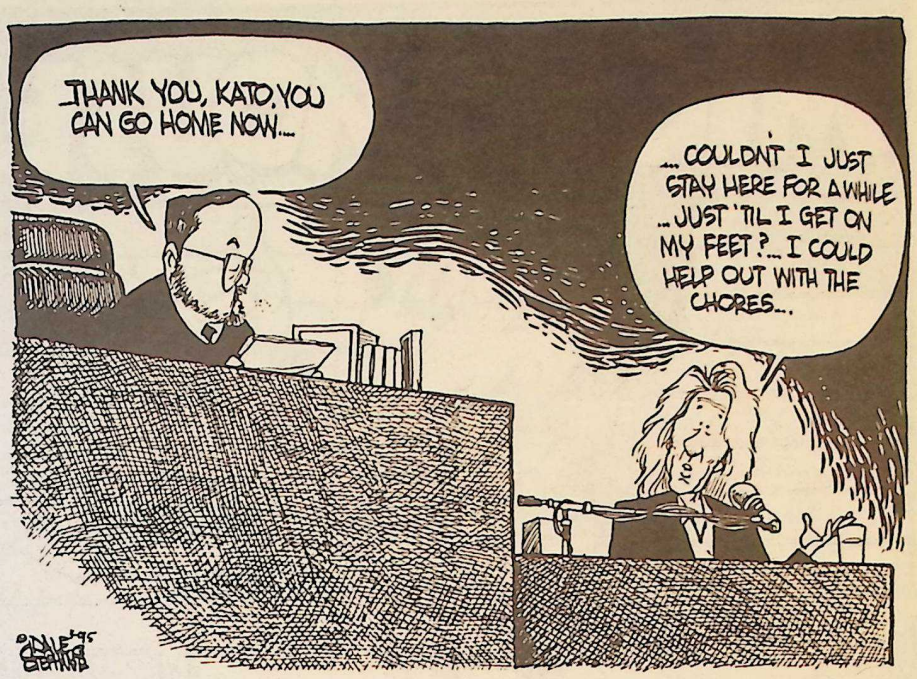


Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate



SQUEEZE IT ONE MORE TIME

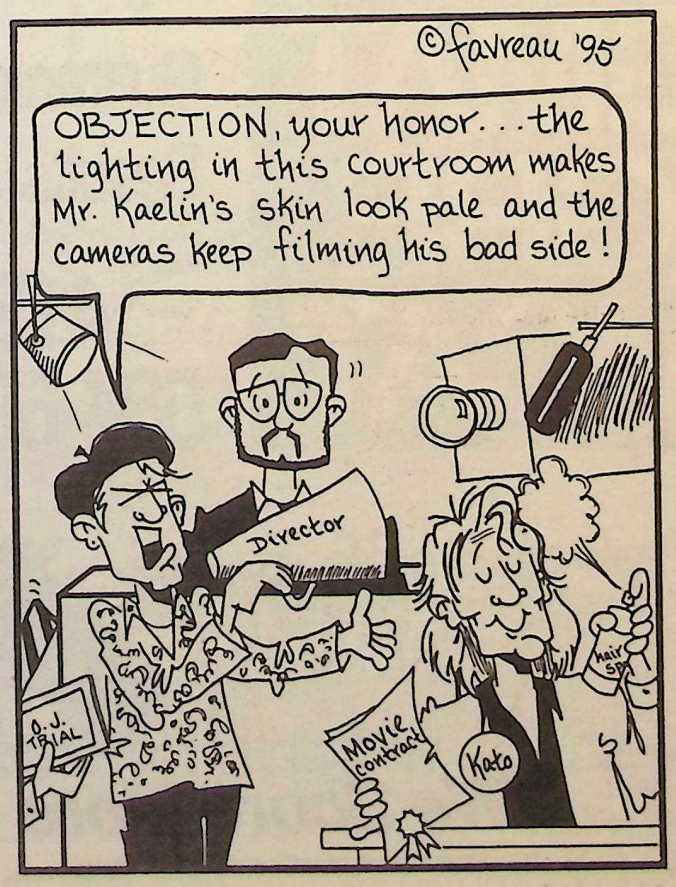




By Kylan Mandile - Age 14

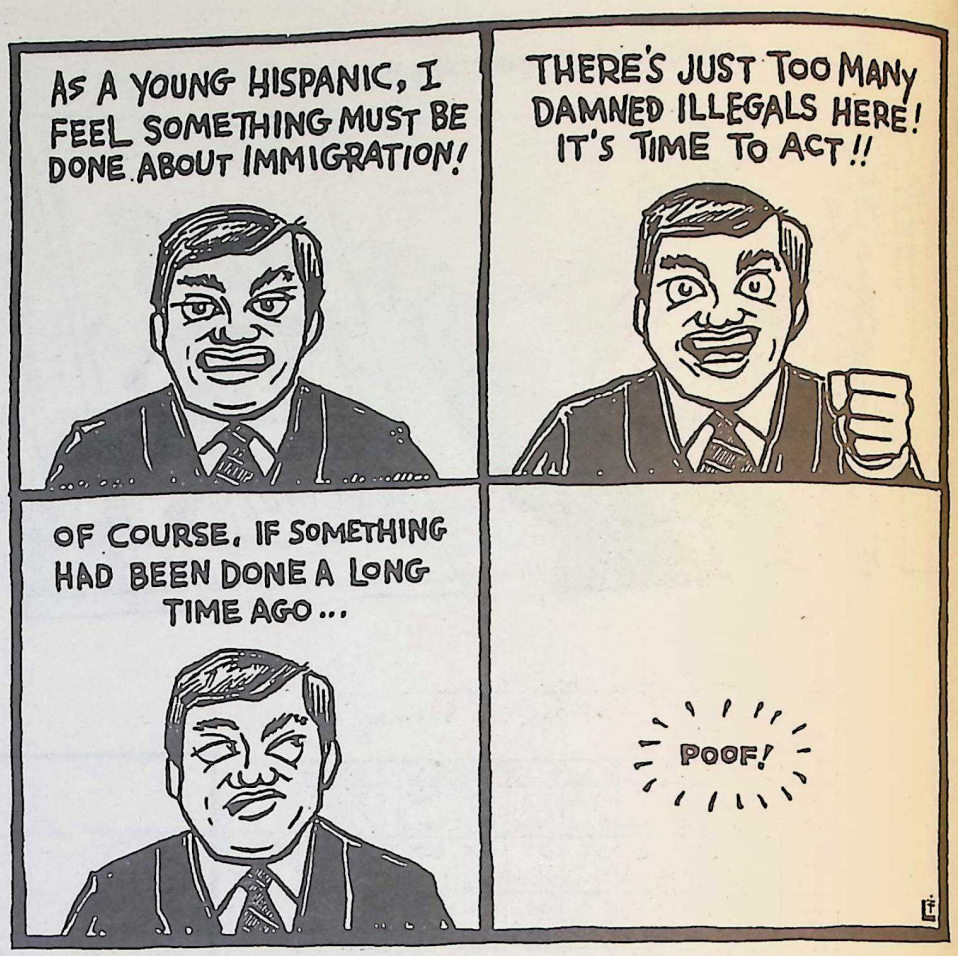
Primetime TV listings for Saturday, March 18

	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
2	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial
4	Simpson Case	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial
5	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
6	O.J. trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
7	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	Two hour special of				O.J. trial	O.J. trial
9	O.J. trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
10	OJ trial	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial
11	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
12	OJ trial	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
13	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial
14	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
25	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
27	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial
38	O.J. trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	O.J. trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial	OJ trial



LA CUCARACHA

LALO ALCARAZ ©94



SAT
LSAT
GMAT
GRE
MCAT

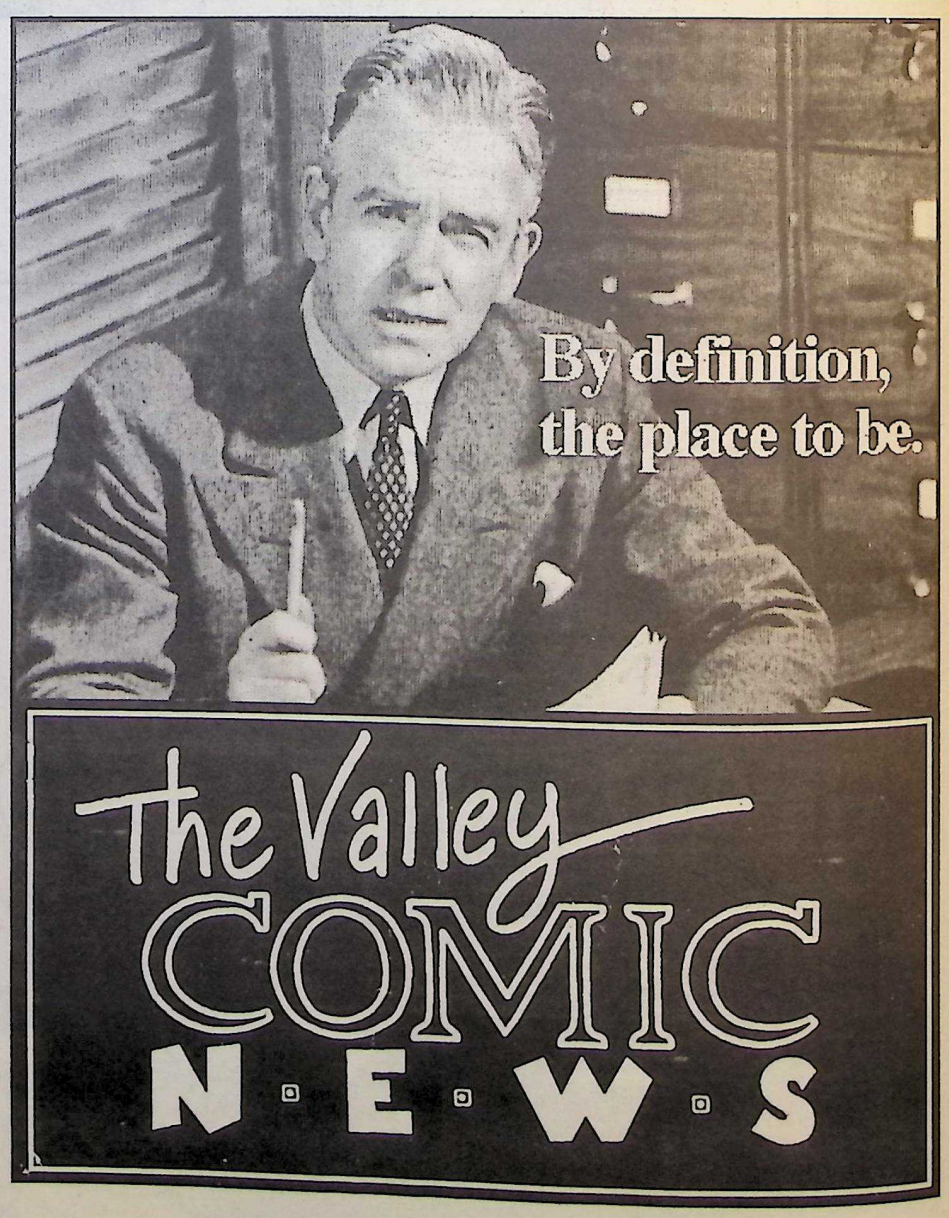
Small Classes.
Big Scores.
Guaranteed Results.

413 584-6849

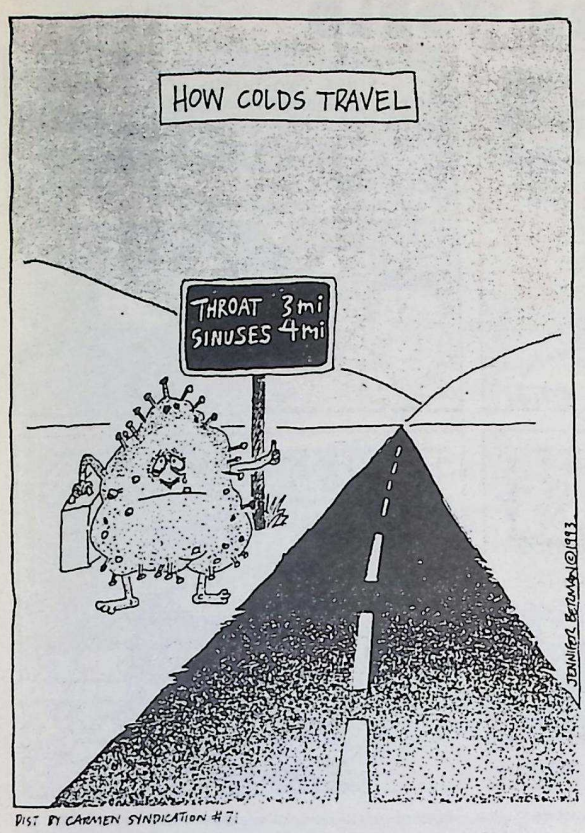
THE PRINCETON REVIEW

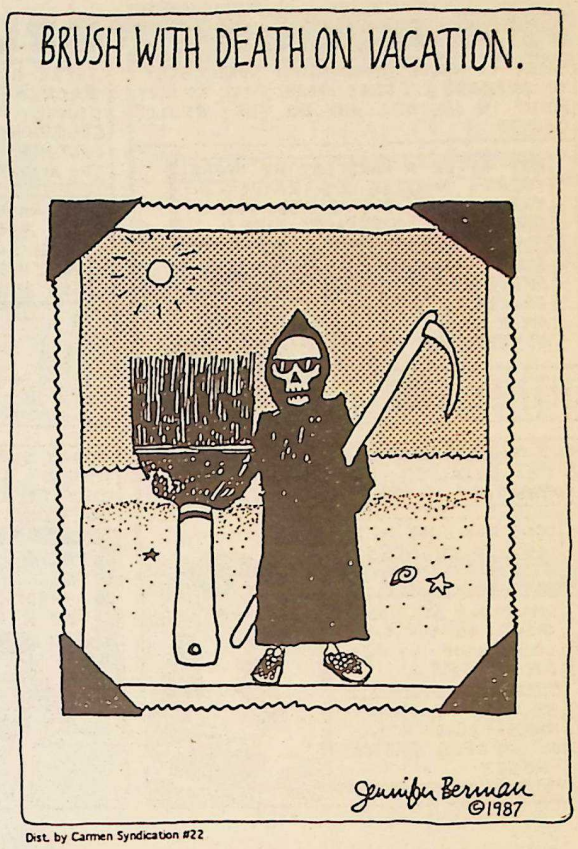
We Score More

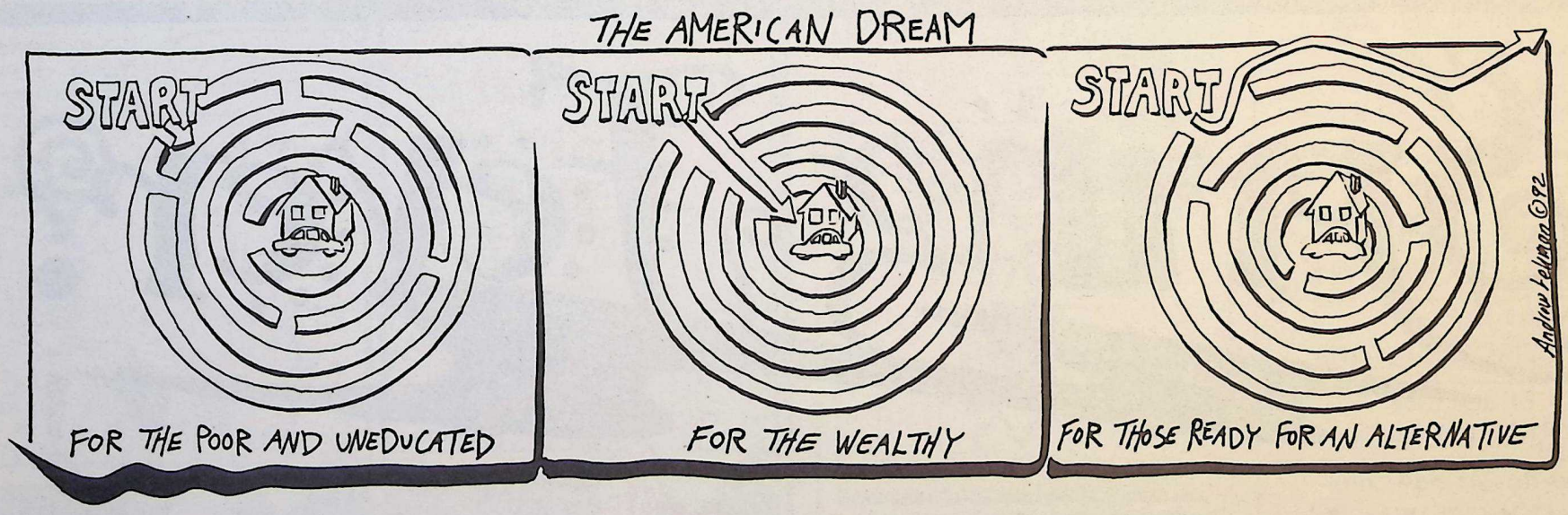
ETS and Princeton University are not affiliated with The Princeton Review

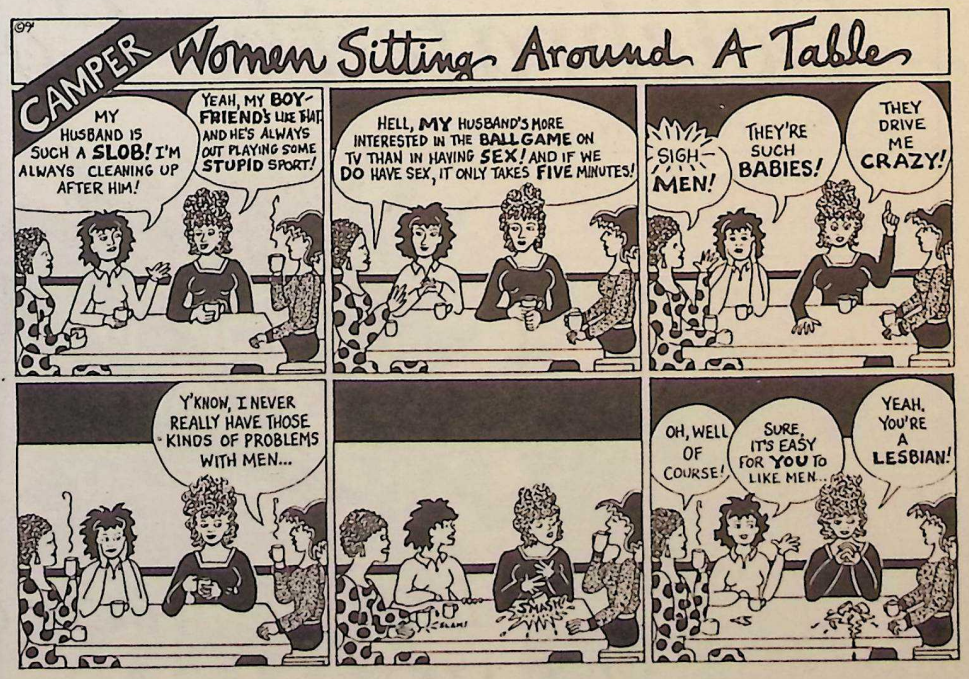


BEYOND POLITIX

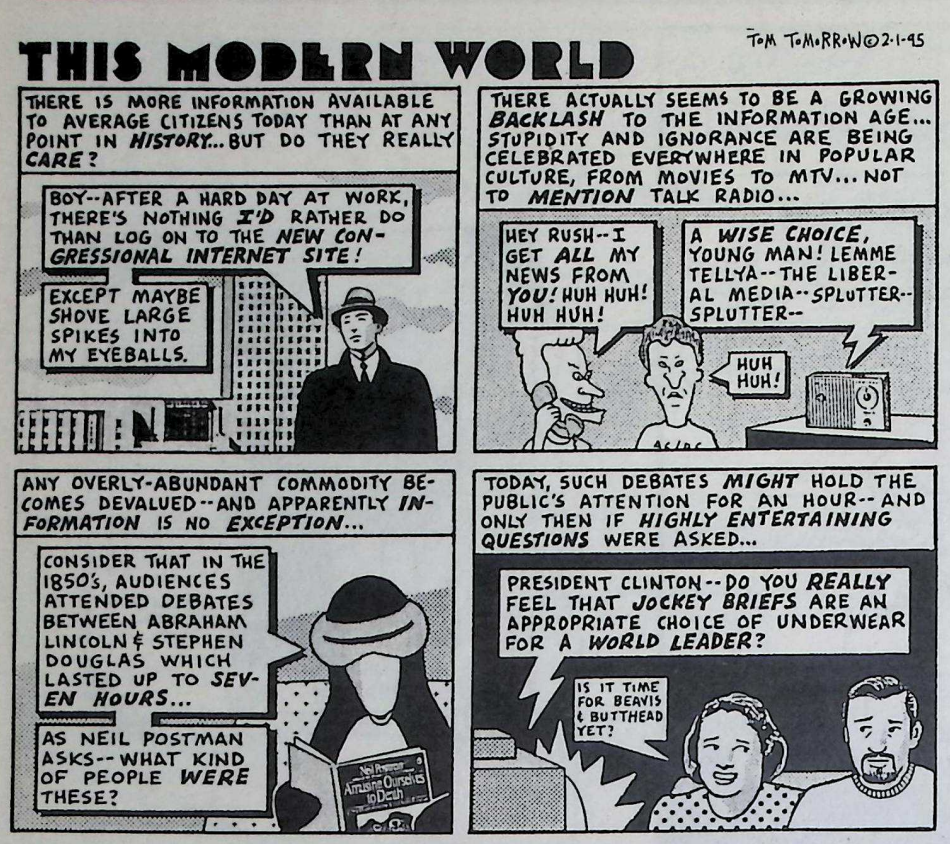


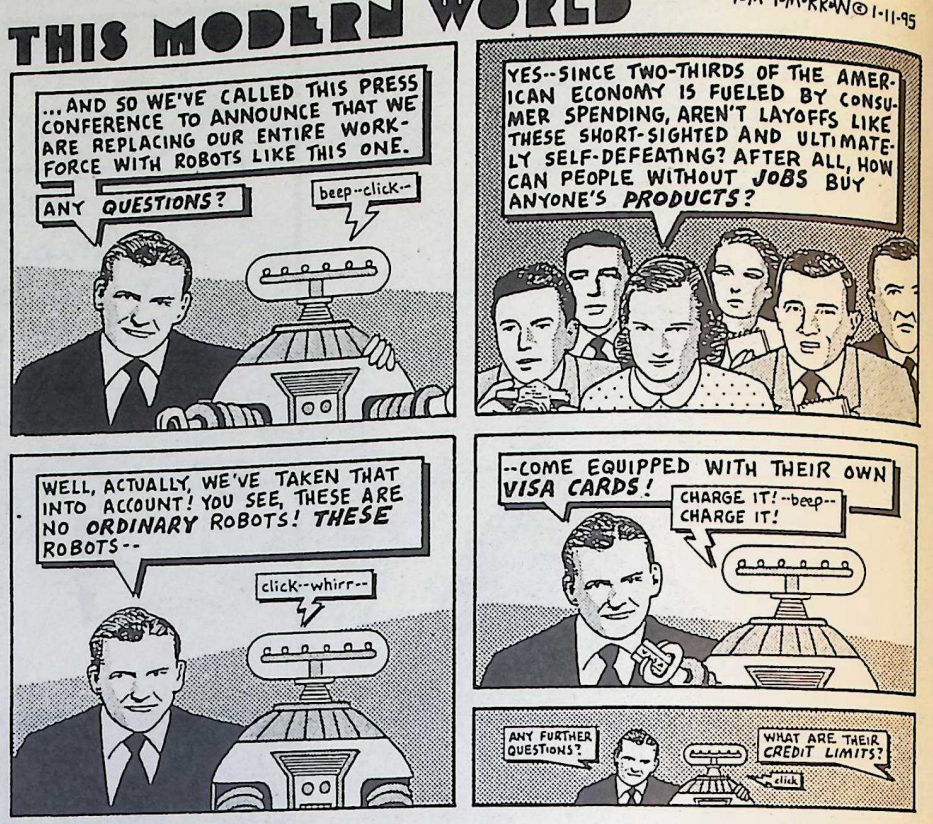






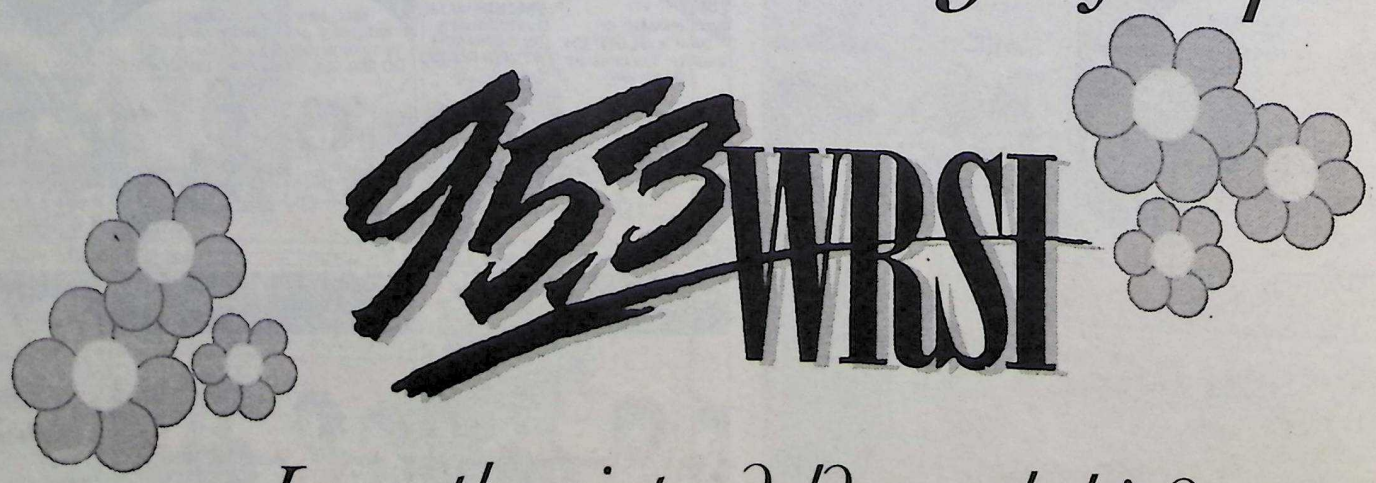
THIS MODERN WORLD BY TOM TOMORROW





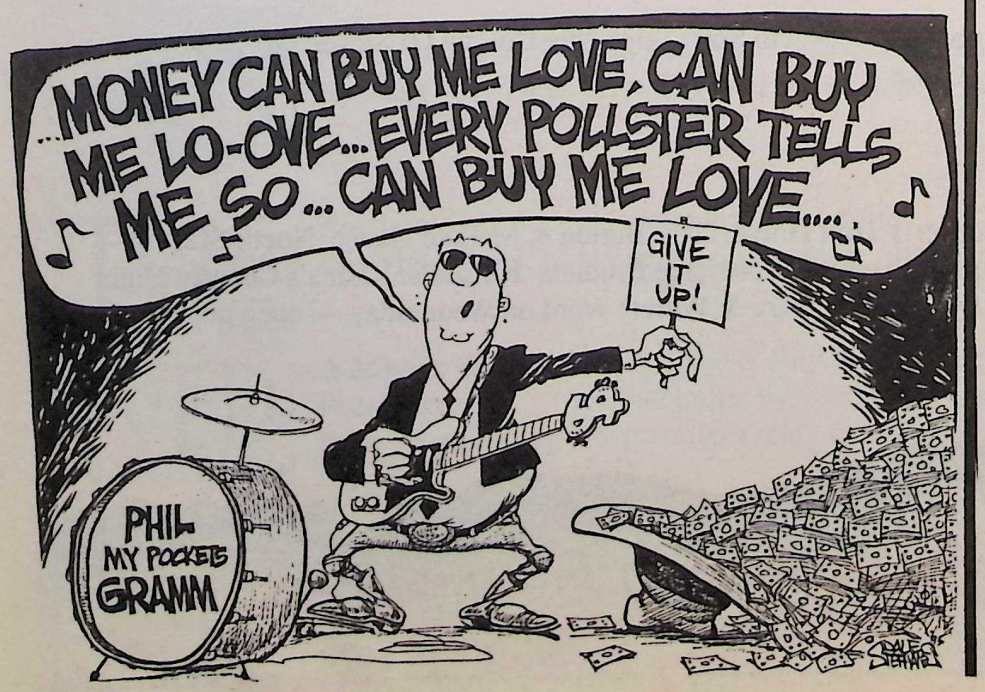
Spring Fever?

Celebrate the Coming of Spring!



Leave the winter doldrums behind
with DAILY prizes from participating businesses.

THE RACE QUESTION



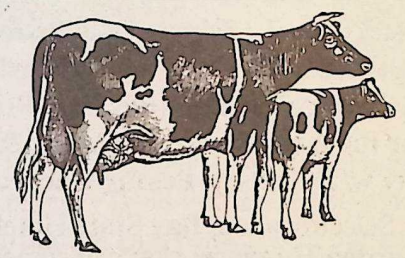
DID YOU KNOW...

TREVOR "THE GAMES MAN"

* entertains kids, teens, adults, & the elderly?
* leads active & passive games that everyone wins?
* has two stage shows?
* offers Cooperative Play Trainings and Workshops?
* does keynote addresses, stiltwalking deliveries, and free referrals?

FUN GUARANTEED or your money back

For more information call (413) 247-3322



I-Creations
41 N. Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA 01002

Wholesale & Retail
Handmade musical instruments, incense oils, T-shirts, imports, leathercraft, reggae CD's & cassettes, books, cards, & cultural crafts
413-253-9701
FAX: 413-253-9701

ATTENTION: HONDA OWNERS
NORTHAMPTON HONDA'S Service Dept.
Open 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Monday - Thursday
Friday 7:30 - 5:30
586-8626

Pearl Street NIGHTCLUB
LIVE MUSIC and DANCE CLUB

Dance Club...
Featuring The Area's Biggest Dance Floor and Best Light Show!

Wednesday
GAY NIGHT
Music by Spin Inc.

Thursday
Upstairs 18+ : DANCE PARTY
Music by Spin Inc.
Downstairs 18+ : INSOMNIA
Music by J.Wilson & J.Schwartz

Friday
RETRO NIGHT - late 70's & early 80's

Saturday
SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY
with Music by Lance Playing Club

Live Music...

Thu., Apr. 6 - 7:00 pm - 18+
BOB MOULD
downstairs - 9:00 pm - all ages
SATCHEL

Fri., Apr. 7 - 8:30 pm - 18+
LEFTOVER SALMON

Sat., Apr. 8 - 9:00 pm
Stevie Ray Vaughn tribute:
TEXAS FLOOD
Johnny Vibrato & the Razorbacks

Tue., Apr. 10 - 7:30 pm
JUNIOR WELLS

Thu., Apr. 13
FROM GOOD HOMES

Fri., Apr. 14
JOHNNY COPELAND

Sat., Apr. 15
THE BOGMEN

Sun., Apr. 16 - all ages
EXHUMED
OVERCAST

Thu., Apr. 20 - 18+
MERL SAUNDERS

Fri., Apr. 21
TONY MACALPINE

Celebrating a decade of nightlife!

Tickets for all shows available at N'ton Box Office: 586-8686, Strawberries, Tix Unlimited at UMass, For The Record in Amherst, About Music in Greenfield, & Ticket Pro: (800) 828-7080.
10 Pearl Street, Northampton
(413) 584-7771

Listings

THU SIX

Katina's: Selectrocution **Iron Horse:** Ellis Paul, Greg Greenway, Chuck Brodsky **Bay State Hotel**: The Maggies, Cellophane (ex-Agitprop) **Seven O's**: DJ dance club **Pearl Street**: Bob Mould unplugged (7pm), Satchel, Pan Gloss, Clutter (9pm), plus 18+ dance music by Spin, Inc. **North Star**: 18+ tropical party nite w/ DJ CPR **Black Sheep Cafe**: Jim Henry

FRI SEVEN

Pearl Street: Leftover Salmon, plus Retro night, w/ DJ Dennis **Seven O's**: Showdown **Green River Cafe**: Linée Peroncel Band, Jan Henshaw **Hotel Northampton**: Michael Hackanson Stacy **Fire & Water**: Maple Ridge **Bay State Hotel**: Cordelia's Dad (Electric), Rosemary Caine, Matterbabies **Iron Horse:** John Mayall **Northampton Center for the Arts**: World Beat Music & Dance Ensemble **Katina's**: The K-Funk All Star Band **North Star**: 18+ dance party w/ DJ Betsey **Peking Garden/Humorworks**: live comedy

SAT EIGHT

Katina's: Selectrocution **Bay State Hotel**: Incredible Casuals, Ray Mason **Hotel Northampton**: Dave Brinnel **Peking Garden/Humorworks**: live comedy **Northampton Center for the Arts**: Annual Art Auction (8pm; reception & preview 7pm) **Swift River Inn**: Maple Ridge **Pearl Street**: Texas Flood (Stevie Ray Vaughn tribute), Johnny Vibrato & The Razorbacks,Top 40 dance party w/ DJ Dave **North Star**: Purly Gates, plus dance party, w/ DJ Steven **UMass New World Theatre**: Repetorio Español in *Botanica* (Bowker Audit.) **Green River Cafe**: Pete Nelson, Peter Lehndorff **Smith College (Davis Ctr.)**: Roger Salloom & The Stragglers, Williams College Big Band, led by Andy Jaffe **Seven O's**:Showdown **Iron Horse**: Rude Girls, Helen Hooke & Friends (7pm), Ominous Seapods (10pm)

SUN NINE

Northampton Brewery: Pan Gloss, Tizzy **Seven O's**: open mic, host Mark Snow **North Star**: World Beat Party w/ DJ Isaac Kibodya **Amherst College**: Robyn Hitchcock, Jill Solbule, Deni Bonnet **Katina's**: Ska Night — SMA, JC Superska **Iron Horse**: Tony Vacca & Tim Moran w/ Joe Sallins, Pan Morrigan, Steve Leicach, more.... **UMass Fine Arts Center**: *Guys And Dolls* **Bay State Hotel**: The Wallmen, Architectural Metaphor, Freak Wagon **Northampton Center for the Arts**: Neil Gaiman and Dave Sim — reading, benefit for Comic Book Legal Defense Fund

MON TEN

Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights (free!) **Katina's**: Gay Nite **Fire & Water**: Open stage (7pm) **Iron Horse**: Laura Nyro **North Star**: C & W nite, w/ DJ Cathy **Pearl Street**: Junior Wells, Ernie Williams & The Wildcats

TUE ELEVEN

Northampton Brewery: open mic, w/ host Rob Skelton **North Star**: Boyz Nite Out, w/ DJ Steven (go-go boys) **Amherst College**: Juliana Hatfield, Rosemary Caine

WED TWELVE

Bay State Hotel: Bay State electric open (no cover!) **Iron Horse**: Gary Burton & Makoto Ozone **North Star**: 30-something partners nite (L.A. mix) **Northampton Brewery**: Lonesome Brothers **Katina's**: Katina's Country Night **Pearl Street**: Gay Night — dancing to music by Spin, Inc. **Fire & Water**: Word on Wednesday — open poetry (7pm)

Tobey photo

Corny Don Boru and his band, Cocktail, open the Loud Music Festival at the Brewery

etc

THU THIRTEEN

Pearl Street: From Good Homes, plus 18+ dance party, w/ Nick Danger **Bay State Hotel**: Trailer Park **Katina's**: Selectrocution **Amherst College**: Patty Larkin, Lucy Kaplansky (sold out; 11/16 tix honored) **North Star**: Tropical Party Night **Iron Horse**: Cheryl Wheeler (Rounder video shoot), Dry Branch Fire Squad **Smith College (John M. Greene)**: Nanci Griffith

FRI FOURTEEN

Iron Horse: Cheryl Wheeler, Dry Branch Fire Squad (7pm), dancing w/ D.J. Shawnuff (10pm) **Bay State Hotel**: √, Please! **North Star**: 18+ dance party **Hotel Northampton**: Mark Nomad **Seven O's**: Sundown **Peking Garden/Humorworks**: live comedy **Pearl Street**: Johnny Copeland, Wildcat O'Halloran, plus Retro night w/ DJ Dennis **Green River Cafe**: Rockin' Dave & the Rent Party

SAT FIFTEEN

Katina's: Selectrocution **North Star**: Hot Cookin' Mamas, plus 21+ Club nite w/ DJ Steven **Seven O's**: Sundown **Bay State Hotel**: Angry Johnny & The Killbillies **Pearl Street**: The Bogmen, plus Top 40 Dance Party w/ DJ Dave **Peking Garden/Humorworks**: live comedy **Green River Cafe**: Suzanne MacDermot **Iron Horse**:June & Jean Millington (7pm), Home, Empty (10pm) **Hotel Northampton**: Marion Groves & Tom McClung

SUN SIXTEEN

Iron Horse: Steve Forbert **Seven O's**: Open mic w/ Mark Snow **North Star**: Townie Nite **Katina's**: Visionary **Pearl Street**: Exhumed, Overcast

MON SEVENTEEN

North Star: C & W Nite **Bay State Hotel:** Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights (free!) **Katina's**: Gay Night **Fire & Water**: Open stage (7pm)

TUE EIGHTEEN

Northampton Brewery: open mic w/ host John Lees **North Star**: Boyz Nite Out, w/ DJ Steven (the dating game) **Bay State Hotel**: New Radiant Storm King, Apples in Stereo, Purple Ivy Shadows

WED NINETEEN

Katina's: Katina's Country Nightl **Bay State Hotel**: Bay State electric open (no cover), featuring Laughing Hyenas **Pearl Street**: Gay Night, w/ music by Spin, Inc. **Fire & Water**: Word on Wednesday — open poetry (7pm) **North Star**: 30-something nite (womyn's nite) **Iron Horse**: Tuck & Patti **The Spoke**: Electric Noodle Factory Reunion Concert

IRON HORSE MUSIC·HALL

THU 6
ELLIS PAUL
GREG GREENWAY
CHUCK BRODSKY

FRI 7 7 & 10 pm
JOHN MAYALL

SAT 8 7 pm
RUDE GIRLS
plus HELEN HOOKE & FRIENDS

SAT 8 10 pm
OMINOUS SEAPODS

SUN 9 7 pm
TONY VACCA
& TIM MORAN
with JOE SALLINS, STEVE LEICACH, TSIDII LELOKA, PAN MORRIGAN, CHARLES LANGFORD

SUN 26 7 pm
LAURA NYRO

TUE 28 7 pm
GARY BURTON
MAKOTO OZONE

THU 13 7 pm
CHERYL WHEELER
DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD

MON 10 7 pm
CHERYL WHEELER
DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD

FRI 14 10 pm
D.J. SHAWNUFF

SAT 15 7 pm
JUNE & JEAN MILLINGTON

20 CENTER STREET
NORTHAMPTON
ALL AGES ALWAYS!
FULL RESTAURANT & BAR
PURCHASE TICKETS at:
THE IRON HORSE 584-0610
or at THE NORTHAMPTON BOX OFFICE 586-8686

ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED BY

Everyday Low Prices such as:

- Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips $2.24/lb.
- Organic Coffee $7.00/lb.
- Fresh Baked Goods Daily
- Fresh Pizzas Fridays (Call ahead)

Leverett Village COOP

180 Rattlesnake Gutter Road
3 miles toward Lake Wyola from the junction of Rts. 47 & 63.
367-9794
hours accommodating to all

PARADISE COPIES

So many copies, so little time...

3¢ Overnight Bulk Rates
Binding, Cutting & Folding
Typesetting & Laser Printing
Oversized Copies
Color Copies

OPEN Weeknights until 10 pm
Saturday 9-5
Sunday Noon - 7 pm

CALL 585-0414
FAX 585-0417

30 Crafts Ave., Northampton

You found Paradise.

Hey!

It's Spring! There's mud everywhere...

The road's got potholes the size of Rhode Island...

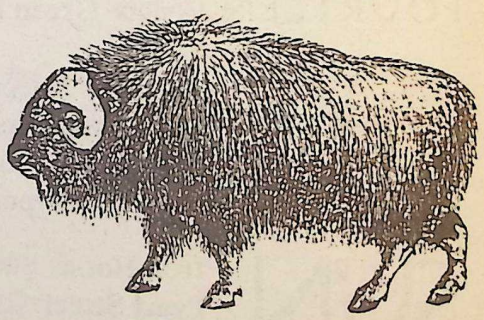
You could preserve an ox with the salt on your car...

So --
why not cheer up a friend, relative, or creditor
with a gift subscription
to
The Valley Comic News!!!
(see p. 3 for details)

Punch Buggies, Hot Nails, & Richard M. Nixon

Essays on life in America
by
Mike Chrisman
Editor, *Valley Comic News*

for a copy, send $5 American (cash or check)
to *Valley Comic News*
Box 515
Northampton, Mass. 01061
(be the first on your block)



nobody prepares **you** like **Kaplan**

LSAT GMAT SAT GRE MCAT

Kaplan has the most complete arsenal of test prep tools available. From videos to software to virtual reality practice tests, nobody offers you more ways to practice. Kaplan teachers will show you the proven skills and test-taking techniques that help you get a higher score.

The answer to the test question
413-549-5780

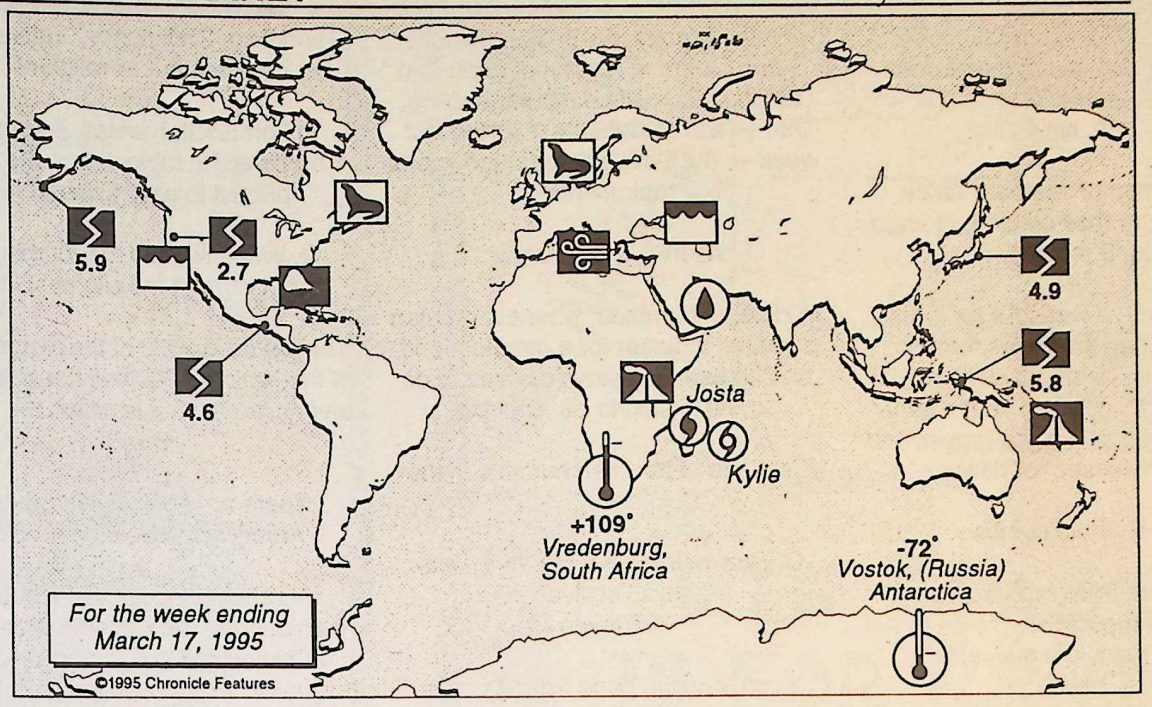
Introduce your business to the Class of '99 in a special way through Welcome Home hospitality bags.

Target your advertising to greet 4000 first year students and their parents at Smith College and UMass during registration Labor Day weekend.

Call now for details: (800) 734-4966 (413)665-2010

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman



Floods

A week of storms across California left at least six people dead and caused an estimated $2 billion in damage. Most of the deaths occurred when flash floods washed out a bridge along the main north-south interstate highway running through the Central Valley. While the inundations are not expected to affect the famed wines of the Napa and Sonoma counties, damage to huge tracts of other croplands will cause shortages of fresh produce through the spring, sending prices rising in supermarkets nationwide.

Two people died and hundreds were evacuated as gales whipped up the Caspian Sea, causing floodwaters to flow over larges areas of the Caucasus in southern Russia.

Volcanoes

The threat of a volcanic eruption on the Vanuatu island of Ambae has prompted a wave of animal slaughter and feasting on existing food reserves by many of the remote island's residents. Officials warned some of the 11,000 islanders that activity building within the north Ambae volcano since March 3 could require an evacuation at any moment. "The people have begun killing their cows and pigs, and digging up their taro roots," tribal chief Noel Tahi told reporters.

The predicted eruption of eastern Zaire's Nyiragongo Volcano in late February failed to occur, and vulcanologists say there is no further threat to Rwandan refugee camps near the smoldering mountain.

Tropical Storms

Tropical cyclone Josta produced more than 10 inches of rainfall and hurricane-force winds in Madagascar. Reunion took a direct hit from cyclone Kylie, which lashed the island with high surf and gales.

Earthquakes

A strong earth movement was felt soundly on the southwestern tip of the Alaska Peninsula, but there were no reports of damage or injuries from the shaking.

Earth movements were also felt in Japan's eastern Honshu Island, Indonesia's Irian Jaya province, Oregon, and along the Mexico-Guatemala border.

Sicilian Storm

At least 12 people were killed in Sicily by a variety of adverse weather conditions caused by a fierce Mediterranean storm. Two residents of the coastal town of Giarre were swept away in a tidal wave, and another was asphyxiated after a gas pipeline broke open in a landslide. Half the crew of a Greek cargo ship perished about 130 miles south of the island when high seas caused the 4,000-ton "Pelhunter" to sink.

Desert Rains

Unusually heavy rains lashed Bahrain and Oman, flooding streets and causing traffic chaos. Schools were closed and many homes, not designed to withstand torrential downpours, developed leaks.

Seal Hunt

For the first time in six years, Norway is allowing hunters to kill baby seals, with the new restriction that they can't use spiked clubs. The new regulation is aimed at preventing further international outrage from televised and printed scenes of bloodied seal carcasses, which ended hunting in Norway and Canada during the late 1980s. Norwegian hunters are now restricted to shooting 2,600 slightly older, weaned pups this season.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare reported that hunters in Canada are also gearing up for a resumption of seal hunting following an announcement by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans that it will pay subsidies for seal slaughter. IFAW calls the move "a step backwards to the dark ages that will cast Canada as a land of barbarians."

Jellyfish Alert

A massive invasion of jellyfish has made for a stinging spring break for college students vacationing on some of Florida's beaches. Strong east winds pushed tens of thousands of Portuguese man-of-war from the Gulf Stream onto the state's Atlantic shores. The jellyfish, bulbous blue creatures with long stinging tentacles, are commonly found scattered along Florida's coastal waters during March, but some lifeguards say the current outbreak is the largest invasion they have seen in years.

***Additional Sources:** U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.*

"I should have gone to Pelham Auto"

Pelham Auto Service • Route 9 • Belchertown/Amherst Line • 253-9302

TAKE IT OR GIVE IT BACK

by M.C. Xman

Q. Henry Ford invented the Model T. Didn't he also invent the atomic bomb?
A. No.

•

Zulu women of southern Africa routinely carry their children *in utero* for 9 months.

•

In the winter, a weasel's fur turns white. It's then known as "ermine," which has long been prized by royalty for ornament on robes. In the summer, ermine turns reddish-brown, and is called "weasel," or "lawyer."

•

35 is a whole number.

•

It was William Shakespeare, British playwright, who quipped, "To be or not to be. That is the question."

•

The Hubble telescope is an enormously complex and heavy piece of equipment.

•

Q. Who was Davy Crockett?
A. King of the wild frontier.

•

George Herman Ruth, the first man to hit sixty home runs in a single baseball season, was nicknamed "Babe."

•

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are the planets in our solar system, not — as I mistakenly reported last week — the Seven Dwarfs and two of their friends.

•

Atlanta is in Georgia.

•

In Helena, Montana, whenever a man prepares a dinner for a female friend, and he uses the stove or oven to do so, he is said to be "cooking."

•

Cats see better than humans in the dark.

•

Q. How much is twenty-three take away twelve?
A. Eleven.

•

If you say, "Je parle français" to a Parisian, you'll be saying, "I speak French." In French.

•

Brides in Florence, South Carolina, wear white.

•

The Australian kangaroo, a kind of marsupial, carries its babies in a pouch.

•

The earth's oceans are filled with salt water.

•

Hinduism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam are all religions.

•

In Fort Scott, Kansas, if someone burps at the table, he or she is expected to say, "Excuse me."

•

Q. Who invented the toothbrush?
A. I haven't the slightest idea.

•

The championship of the two divisions of the National Football League is held every January. It is called the "Super Bowl."

•

There are no living veterans of America's Revolutionary War.

•

Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president (of the United States) wore a "stovepipe" hat, but as far as is known, no one ever attempted to build a fire in it.

•

When a man gets married in Commerce, Oklahoma, he is known as a "husband."

•

Red, white, blue, and ecru are all colors.

•

Thomas Edison invented the electric light.

•

It was the American singer, Elvis Presley, who said, "Don't be cruel to a heart that's true."

•

Japan's currency is the yen.

•

The Caribbean angelfish swims under water.

•

Nearly all New Zealand residents speak English.

•

Nitrogen is a gas.

•

It is illegal to murder someone in Saginaw, Michigan.

•

Jim Thorpe, the great Native American athlete, put his pants on one leg at a time.

•

Before the computer revolution, many people in all walks of life wrote their correspondence on a machine called a "typewriter."

•

Human beings are animals, not plants.

•

Q. How many roads must a man walk down before they will call him a man?
A. The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind. The answer is blowing in the wind.

•

Amherst Music House
233 N. Pleasant St.
Amherst Carriage Shops
Amherst • 549-1728

Complete Selection of
Music Books & Sheet Music
Popular • Classical • Jazz • Folk

GUITARS—STRINGS—AMPLIFIERS
plus ACCESSORIES for all Instruments

We BUY & SELL
Used Guitars
Amps & Effects

549-1728

SUMMER SPECIAL
BUY A 3 MONTH FITNESS MEMBERSHIP,
ADD 2 MORE MONTHS FOR JUST $35!

The Club

TENNIS · RACQUETBALL · AEROBICS · WEIGHT & FITNESS · CHILDCARE
659 AMHERST RD. (RT. 116)
SUNDERLAND, MA
(ACROSS FROM GRAMPY'S)
CALL TODAY FOR DETAILS
549-3638

"It's the Only Beer in Town!"

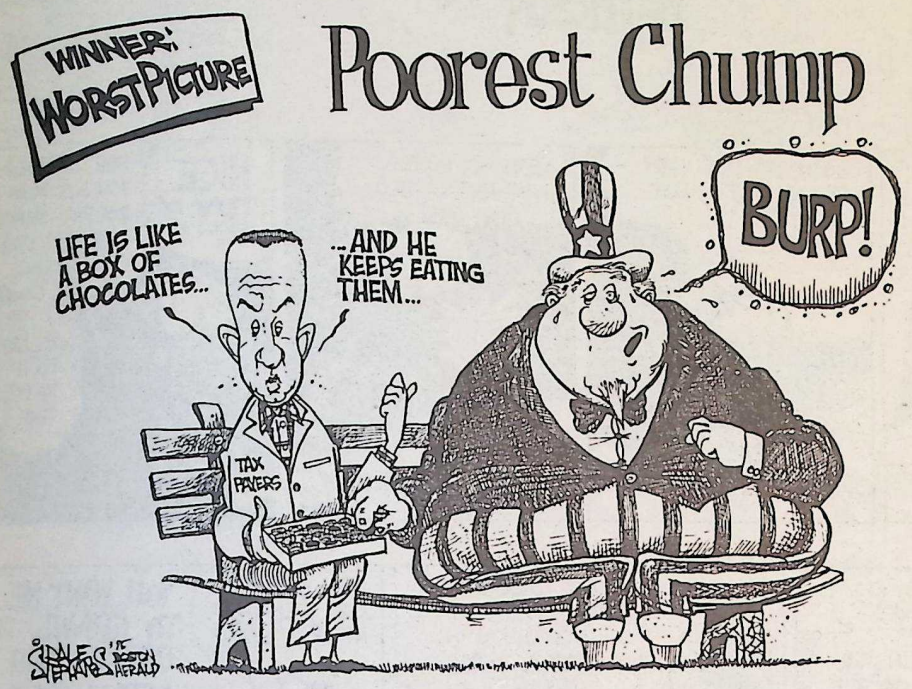
•Fresh Brewed Beer
•Exceptional Menu
•Friendly Service
•Smoking permitted after 10pm

NORTHAMPTON BREWERY

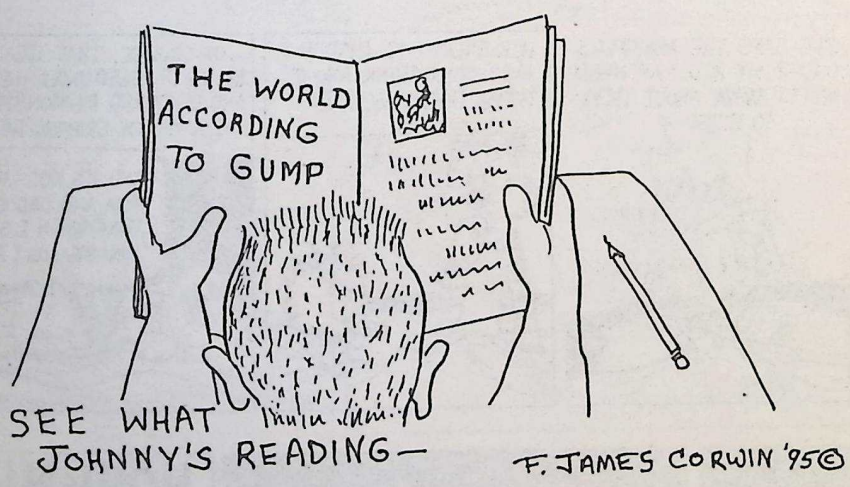
Live Acoustic Music 10pm-12am
Sunday: Seislun Night
Tuesday: Open Mic Night
Wednesday: HomeGrown

11 BREWSTER COURT • NORTHAMPTON • 584-9903

AND THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE...



THE RIGHT SIDE



SPIRITS

Club NO NAME
774-7878

Greenfield's top DJ dance club
10 Fiske Ave.
(Right off Main Street)

THIS SPACE IS FOR RENT

Pleasant St. Liquors
44 Pleasant Street
Northampton
584-5145
For all your holiday party needs!

Discount Beer Wine & Liquor
44 Pleasant St • Northampton
584-5145

HUGO'S
"YOU'LL NEVER MISS THE WATER"

16 oz. Bud Draft $1.25
OnTap: Guinness
Red Hook Boston Ale
Bass Wheat Hook
315 Pleasant St.
Northampton 584-9800

POP'S LIQUORS

Try Our
Wine of the Month
1 Market Street
Northampton, MA
585-8685

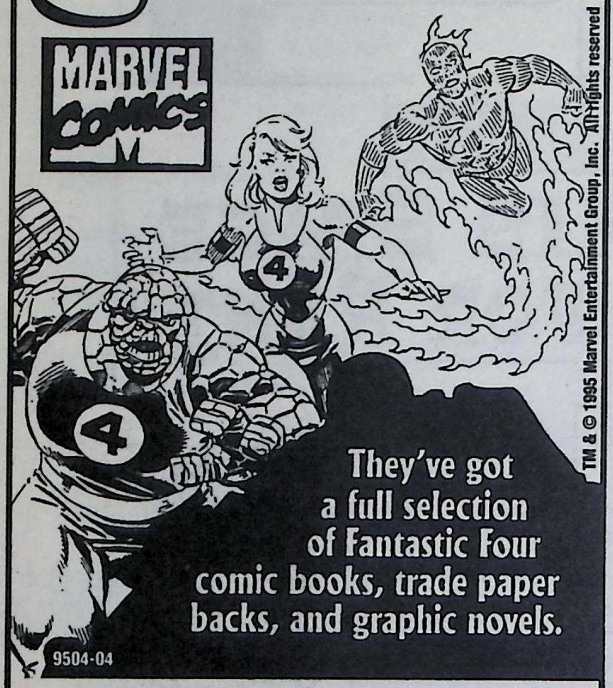
COUNTRY & WESTERN
Line Dancing - Mon 7-9
DJ - Thurs 9-1
Live Bands - Fri & Sat 9-1
Open Mic Night - Sun 9-1
Open every day 12pm-1am

SEVEN O'S
5 miles North of UMass exit on Rte. 116
Sunderland
665-8788

THE #1 PLACE 2 SEE THE NEW FANTASTIC 4 IS:

Inner Sanctum

MARVEL COMICS



TM & © 1995 Marvel Entertainment Group, Inc. All rights reserved

They've got a full selection of Fantastic Four comic books, trade paper backs, and graphic novels.

9504-04

The Best in Comics & Games

FREE Subscription Service

10 % off any purchase over $25

offer expires 5/4/95

Inner Sanctum 256-0147

Amherst Center

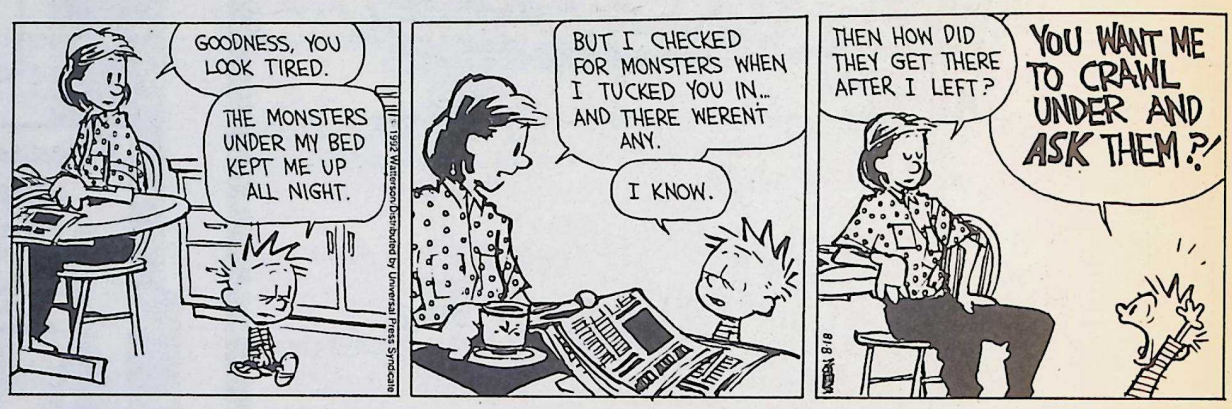
178 N. Pleasant St. Amherst

(413) 256-0147

Next to Brueggers

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



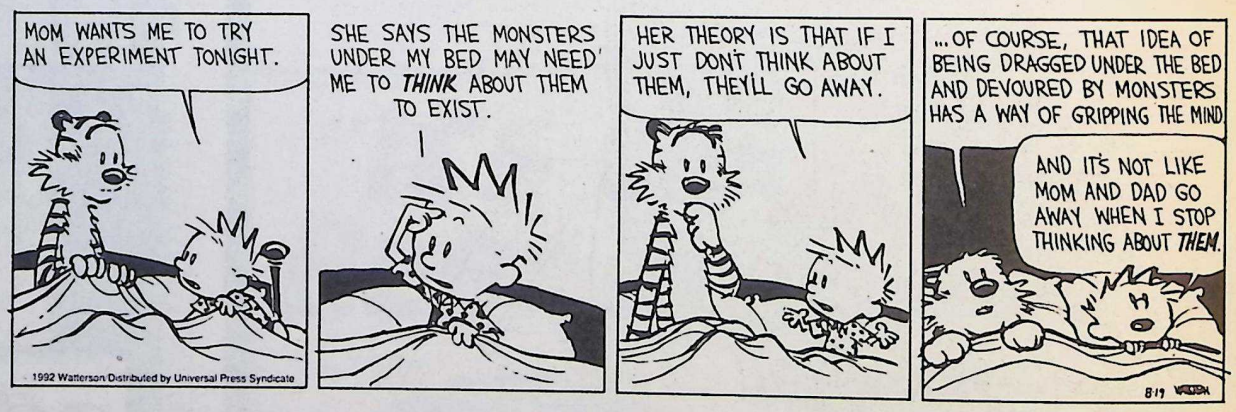


Photo: Jennifer Burdick

25 CENTRAL

CONTEMPORARY CLOTHING& FOOTWEAR
Downstairs at Thornes
150 Main Street • Northampton, MA
(413)586-8017

A Branch Beyond

Unique Ikat
Kilim & Batiks
from Indonesia
On Sale
this Month!

40 Main Street
Amherst
413-253-4997

Leold

by Roger & Salem Salloom

For about 6 months, my dad lived with this guy who was a regular kind of working man.

He'd get these tough outdoor jobs...like cutting lots of wood, or moving stones out of a field or painting a house.

One time he was left alone by the foreman and told to paint a house with a 4" brush. He proudly said to me, ...

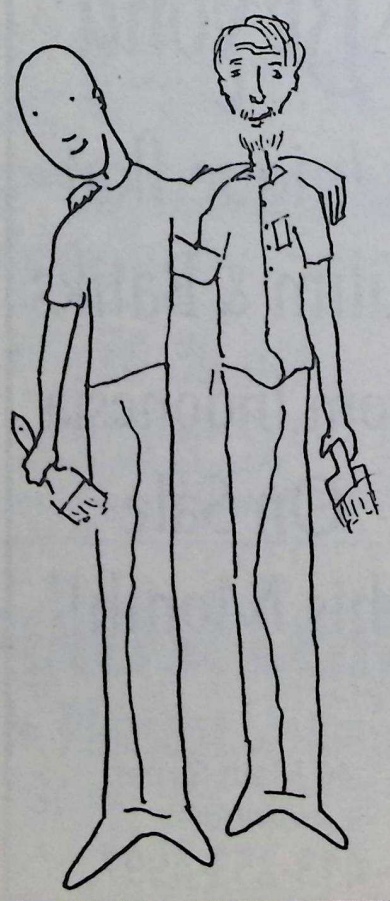
"Anybody can do it with the right tool!" Then he painted the house.

This guy was homeless at times. He beat my dad at chess a lot. He wasn't stupid.

I think the part of his brain that tells most people to "get a steady job and pay rent," was missing. If you touched that place on his head, it would be cold.

It was also cold on the spot next to that place....the spot that says... "hold a grudge,steal, lie, and take more than you need for yourself."

I bet I got some cold spots somewhere in my brain ..... It's kind of exciting. I can't wait to find out what's missing.



Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

NEWLY REMODELED

THE Card & Comic CO.

MAGIC The Gathering™

ALL THE LATEST IN DECK GAMING

Star Trek: Next Generation
On The Edge
Illuminati • Blood Wars
and
the latest expansion sets

Fallen Empires™

also

THE HOTTEST NEW ROLE PLAYING

and ALL YOUR FAVORITES

White Wolf • Vampire
Werewolf • Mage
Wraith • Rifts • AD&D

Gaming Tables Available
Come In Anytime!

MAGIC: The Gathering Type 2 Tournament

(Page 59, Duelist #4)

Sat., April 15th, 1:00 PM

~COMICS~

New & Old
DC • MARVEL
IMAGE • DARK HORSE
INDEPENDENTS

for more information call

413-253-2999

48 North Pleasant Street
(below D'angelo Sandwich Shop)
Amherst

AUTO LOANS

Auto dealer will arrange low cost financing even if you've been turned down elsewhere. Loan available for bankrupt, bad credit, no credit, no cosigners, no credit checks, no application fees. If you have a job, your credit is approved. Home of the $25 down deal. Ask for Amy. **Since 1978**

THIS IS NOT A MISPRINT

STEPHEN AUTO FINANCE CENTER

1840 Memorial Drive, Chicopee

1-800-927-3348

Four Cent Copies

~ *Oversize Copies & Laminations*
~ *Color Offset Printing*
~ *High Volume Copying, ask about special discounts*

228 Triangle Street, Amherst ~ 32 Pleasant Street, Northampton ~ 275 Main Street, Greenfield
(413) 549-3840 (413) 586-1332 (413) 774-3500

Sales, Service, Networking
Software, Rentals, Training

Northampton (413) 584 3414
Brattleboro (802) 258 2585

Ingram authorized IBM Reseller

Max4Less

Authorized Apple Reseller